GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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TELEPHONE ON DEMAND IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for providing telephone on demand in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the current position of Andhra Pradesh on the availability of telephone vis-a-vis other States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. Subject to availability of resources.

(b) The details are as under:

(i) In 1752 Exchanges out of 2795 exchanges in Andhra Pradesh, there is spare connectable capacity where connections can be provided straight away. Few cities/towns are already on demand in the State.

(ii) There is a target to add 6,10,600 lines of switching capacity for fixed phones.

(iii) In addition to this urban Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system of 23,000 lines has also been planned.

(iv) BSNL has a target to provide 5,30,000 Direct Exchange Lines during the current year in Andhra Pradesh against the waiting list of 1,46,469.

(v) Technically non feasible cases will be cleared in the next financial year.

(c) The position of availability of telephones as on 31.10.2001 vis-Ã -vis other states is given in the annexure. Telephone density per hundred population is also given in the annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS AND TELEDENSITY AS ON 31.10.2001

SL. NO.	STATE	TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS	TELE-DENSITY
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	31130	8.74
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3313365	4.38
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	41571	3.81
4.	Assam	402309	1.51
5.	Bihar	727019	0.88
6.	Chhattisgarh	234832	1.13
7	Delhi	2781664	20.18

8. Goa 161358 12.01

9. Gujarat 2910286 5.71
10. Haryana 937053 4.44
11. Himachal Pradesh 400011 6.58
12. Jammu & Kashmir 195265 1.94
13. Jharkhand 324088 1.20
14. Karnataka 2685944 5.09
15. Kerala 2610401 8.18
16. Madhya Pradesh 1342517 2.22
17. Maharashtra 6560423 6.78
18. Manipur 30129 1.26
19. Meghalaya 48303 2.09
20. Mizoram 39220 4.4
21. Nagaland 34704 1.75
22. Orissa 606454 1.65
23. Pubjab 1915945 7.61
24. Rajasthan 1504833 2.66
25. Sikkim 27776 5.14
26. Tamilnadu 4019695 6.37
27. Tripura 60639 1.9
28. Uttar Pradesh 2745458 1.65
29. Uttaranchal 275337 3.25
30. West Bengal 2308434 2.86

Note:- Status in Respect of Fixed Telephone Connections and Cell Phones provided by Private Operators for Circles Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal , Sikkim and NE II are included in Bihar, MP,UP, West Bengal and NE I respectively.